



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4290**  
Masaaki TABUCHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_1541A  
Serial No. 10/551,222 : Group Art Unit 1793  
Filed September 27, 2005 : Examiner Deborah Yee  
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**MARTENSITIC HEAT RESISTING STEEL : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2008, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.